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DEPT PLS PASS TO NRC FOR COMMISSIONER GILINSKI AND
JOSEPH LA FLEUR, AND TO ASSOC. DIRECTOR DOMESTIC POL-
ICY STAFF, WHITE HOUSE K. SCHIRMER;
DOE PLS PASS TO R. COLLOFF, SP. ASST. TO SECRETARY,
AND TO BERGOLD, ASST SECY/IA, C. THOMPSON AND NELSON
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF U.S. OFFICIALS TO FRENCH NUCLEAR
POWER PROGRAM FACILITIES

1. DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21 K. SCHIRMER, WHITE
HOUSE, R. COLLOFF, DOE AND V. GILINSKI, NRC, ACCOM-
PANIED BY PARIS DOE SCI REP, VISITED KEY FRENCH
NUCLEAR POWER INSTALLATIONS IN FRANCE. FRENCH STAFF
MADE EVERY EFFORT TO BE HOSPITABLE AND FRIENDLY. IN
SPITE OF THE VACATION PERIOD NEARLY ALL KEY FRENCH
PROGRAM OFFICIALS WERE AT LEAST BRIEFLY PRESENT AND FAR-
REACHING DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM
ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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2. THE VISITS INVOLVED IN SUCCESSION: PHENIX BREEDER
PLANT, AVM WASTE VITRIFICATION FACILITY AT MARCOULE;
TRICASTIN ENRICHMENT DIFFUSION PLANT, SUPER-PHENIX
BREEDER CONSTRUCTION SITE, BUGEY LWR SITE NEAR LYON,
FRAMATOME NUCLEAR PLANT MANUFACTURING FACILITIES AT
CREUSOT AND CHALONS, LAHAGUE REPROCESSING PLANT, AND

CEA HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS.

3. CHIEF TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED THE STATUS OF THE FRENCH NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM, ENRICHMENT, REPROCESSING AND WASTE DISPOSAL ISSUES, INFCE OUTLOOK, LOW ENRICHMENT FUEL FOR RESEARCH REACTORS, AND THE OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE BILATERAL COOPERATION.

4. PARTICIPATION OF FRENCH OFFICIALS FOLLOWS. CEA ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL PECQUEUR INTERRUPTED HIS VACATION TO HOST A WORKING DINNER NEAR TRICASTIN, WHILE THE DIRECTEUR DES APPLICATIONS INDUSTRIELLES VENDRYES ACCOMPANIED THE VISITING TEAM THE FIRST TWO DAYS AND CHAIRED THE FINAL DISCUSSIONS AT CEA HEADQUARTERS ON AUGUST 25. KEY ESCORTS AT VARIOUS STOPOVERS INCLUDED: PLANT OPERATIONS CHIEF CLOUET D'ORVAL AT PHENIX; VANDRYES' STAFF ASST. COATES AND MR. ROUGEAU AT TRICASTIN; REGIONAL EDF DIRECTOR SAITCEV-SKY AT SUPER PHENIX AND BUGEY; FRAMATOME AND NOVATOME HEAD LENY AT CREUSOT AND CHALON; COGEMA REPROCESSING

DIVISION'S DIRECTOR AYCOBERRY AND SITE MANAGER DELANGE AT LA HAGUE. THE ATTENDANCE AT THE FINAL DISCUSSION SESSION INCLUDED HAUT COMMISSAIRE TEILLAC, COGEMA PRESIDENT BESSE, EDF'S DIRECTOR FOR LONGTERM PLANNING DEJOU, DELEGUE AUX APPLICATIONS ENERGETIQUES NUCLEAIRES UNCLASSIFIED

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RAPIN AND FRAMATOME DIRECTOR GENERAL LENY. MR. ZALESKI, NUCLEAR ATTACHE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, ACCOMPANIED THE TEAM THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE VISIT.

5. RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.
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